

Planning Ahead!

Business Meeting: today at 4:00 p.m.

Our 25th Annual "Last-Saturday-in-February" meeting: next Saturday, February 27; also be reminded of the Friday night singing!

Special Information

Clint and Krissy Oster have now moved to Washington. Their address is 1713 Clovercrest St. Enumclaw, Washington 98022.

February Birthdays

8 Zoie Perales 18 Hazel Brouillette
25 Mike McKnight

February Anniversaries

5 Mike and Morgie McKnight

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Gospel Meetings: Opportunities to Evangelize

by Gene Taylor

"...but speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head -- Christ -- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share..."

Ephesians 4:15-16

All who are members of this congregation need to be preparing for the upcoming gospel meeting. Each member needs to take advantage of the opportunities it affords for evangelism. Everyone has to do their part for the meeting to be a success and the cause of the Lord to prosper.

If we work, our efforts will bear fruit. We may not be overwhelmed by what many have termed "visible results" (such things as baptisms, restorations, etc.), those things so many want to gauge the success of a meeting by, but we will be a church after the New Testament order at work the way the Lord wants it to work -- with each member doing his/her part (see 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Eph. 4:15-16).

At all times we ought to be emphasizing our responsibilities to evangelize. In doing so, though, we must realize that one person, or even just a few, cannot be as effective as a whole body of people actively involved in reaching and teaching other people. But gospel meetings provide unique opportunities to show that we are more than just talk when it comes to evangelism but are actually "doers of the word" (James 1:22). They allow us to demonstrate to the Lord and to others that we are willing to be involved in His work.

The personal invitation extended to a friend, relative or acquaintance is still, I believe, the best method for getting people to attend gospel meetings. We can blitz the media using all the modern methods at our disposal but nothing can top the personal "one-to-one" invitation. Since this is the case, then, it makes sense that the more people who

issue such invitations, the greater chance for success in having greater numbers attend.

I am sure the meeting preachers are doing their part to make the meeting successful. We have printed hundreds of fliers and sent out announcements to other congregations. The key to real success, though, will be how many us personally invite others. That should not surprise us since the key to success in almost every work that we might be involved in as a church is great individual involvement.

May each of us be totally involved in serving the Lord -- not just for the upcoming meeting but in all aspects of the work of the church.

Bring Potato Chips

(Received as an e-mail from a friend)

Take 60 seconds to read this story. It will give you time to settle your brain. Gather your thoughts, calm down and finish your week off on a positive note.

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him some chips. He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word...

As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever...

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime!

Embrace all equally! Have lunch with God.....bring potato chips. Send this to people who have touched your life in a special way. Let them know how important they are. I did! God still sits on His throne. We may be going through a tough time right now but God may be getting ready to bless us in a way that only He can. Keep the faith!

My instructions were to pick four people that I wanted God to bless, and I picked you. Please pass this to at least four people you want to be blessed. Prayer is powerful, and prayer is one of the best gifts we receive. There is no cost but a lot of rewards. Let's continue to pray for one another.

Here is an example prayer:

God, I ask You to bless my friends, relatives and e-mail buddies reading this right now. I ask You to minister to their spirit at this very moment. Where there is pain, give them Your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, release a renewed confidence through Your grace. Bless their homes, families, finances, their goings and their comings. Amen

Read through the Bible in 2016!

(Submitted by Mike McKnight)

Suggested chapters to read so that we might read through the entire Bible during 2016! **This week's "schedule":**

- **Day 53** - Leviticus 26-27 Monday
- **Day 54** - Numbers 1-2 Tuesday
- **Day 55** - Numbers 3-4 Wednesday
- **Day 56** - Numbers 5-6 Thursday
- **Day 57** - Numbers 7 Friday
- **Day 58** - Numbers 8-10 Saturday
- **Day 59** - Numbers 11-13 Sunday